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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**For use by Ecclesiastical Corporations**

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*We, the undersigned, desiring to become incorporated under the provisions of Act No. 327, P.A. of 1931, do hereby make, execute and adopt the following articles of association, to-wit:*

**FIRST**

The name assumed by this corporation and by which it shall be known in law, is:

**SECOND**

1. The location of said church or society shall be in the city (or village) of:

\_\_\_\_\_ county of \_\_\_\_\_, and  
State of Michigan.

2. The address of the registered office is:

\_\_\_\_\_, Michigan \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (Zip Code)

3. The mailing address of the registered office if different than above is:

\_\_\_\_\_, Michigan \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address or P.O. Box) (City) (Zip Code)

4. The name of the resident agent at the registered office is: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD**

The time for which the corporation shall be created shall be perpetual. (If term is for a fixed number of years, then state the number of years instead of perpetual.)

**FOURTH**

The members of the church or society shall worship and labor together according to the discipline, rules and usages of the \_\_\_\_\_

church in the United States of America (or other jurisdiction as the case may be), as from time to time authorized and declared by the \_\_\_\_\_

(Here insert the name of the higher ecclesiastical body or bodies, if any, authorized to determine such question)

**FIFTH (Insert any desired additional provision authorized by the Act; attach additional pages if needed.)**

In witness whereof, the parties hereby associating, for the purposes of giving legal effect to these articles hereunto sign our names and places of residence:

Done at the city (or village) of \_\_\_\_\_

county of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Michigan,

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**This document requires at least three notarized signatures**

(Signatures) (No.) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

State of \_\_\_\_\_ }  
 Couty of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

by \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTARY MUST LIST NAMES OF ALL PERSONS SIGNING)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Notary)

Notary Public for \_\_\_\_\_ County,

State of \_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Seal)

Name of person or organization remitting fees:

Preparer's name and business telephone number:

**INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This form may be used to draft your Articles of Incorporation. A document required or permitted to be filed under the act cannot be filed unless it contains the minimum information required by the act. The format provided contains only the minimal information required to make the document fileable and may not meet your needs. This is a legal document and agency staff cannot provide legal advice.
2. Submit one original of this document. Upon filing, the document will be added to the records of the Bureau of Commercial Services. The original will be returned to your registered office address, unless you enter a different address in the box on the front of this document.

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3. This document is to be used pursuant to the provisions of sections 178 through 185 of Act 327, P.A. of 1931, by three or more persons desiring to form a church corporation for the purpose of teaching and spreading of religious beliefs and principles. The provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982 are also applicable unless otherwise provided in, or inconsistent with, Act 327.
4. Article Second - A post office box may be not designated as the street address of the registered office.
5. Article Fourth - If it is an independent church, or if there is no higher ecclesiastical body, insert the word "none".
6. This document is effective on the date endorsed "filed" by the Bureau. A later effective date, no more than 90 days after the date of delivery, may be stated as an additional article.
7. The Act requires that this document be signed in ink, before a notary, by three or more persons. The addresses of the signers should be complete, including street number and name, city, state and ZIP code.
8. **FEES:** Make remittance payable to the State of Michigan. Include corporation name on check or money order.

Filing Fee .....	\$ 10.00
Franchise Fee .....	\$ 10.00
Total Fees .....	\$ 20.00

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